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PLAYGROUND SAFETY



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- Each year, more than 200,000 children in the U.S. are injured as a result of faulty playground equipment. Most of these injuries were caused by defective equipment. Others were caused by protrusions, crush or shear points, sharp edges, and various playground debris.
- Fatal injuries can be caused by head entrapment, entanglement in ropes, and equipment structural failure.

If your child was injured due to a dangerous playground, you need to **learn about your family's legal rights**. Contact us and we will work hard to ensure that **your family receives full and fair compensation** for your child's injuries.

- **Automobile and Trucking Accidents**
- **Dog and Other Animal Bites**
- **Use of Defective or Dangerous Products**
- **Slip and Fall Accidents**
- **Wrongful Death**
- **Claims Arising from Injuries at Work**

If your child has suffered playground-related injuries, contact us online at www.zneimerlaw.com or call us at

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to set up a **FREE** consultation.

WE ALSO SPEAK BULGARIAN, RUSSIAN AND SPANISH.

Our office is conveniently located at the corner of **FULLERTON AND WESTERN** in Chicago, only two blocks west from the Kennedy Expressway.

Use this simple checklist to make sure your local community or school playground is a safe place to play.

PUBLIC PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Make sure surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or are mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.
- Check that protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.
- Make sure play structures more than 30 inches high are spaced at least 9 feet apart.
- Check for dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends.
- Make sure spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.
- Check for sharp points or edges in the playground equipment.
- Look out for tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.
- Make sure elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls.
- Check playgrounds regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are maintained in good condition.
- Carefully supervise children on playgrounds to make sure they are safe.
- Avoid dressing children in loose or stringed clothing if they will be on playground equipment.

